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TAGS: PINS, AR

SUBJECT: GOA ACTION AGAINST ERP

1. SUMMARY IN A FORCEFUL MOVE THE GOA HAS OUTLAWED THE NUMBER ONE TERRORIST GROUP IN ARGENTINA - ERP. END SUMMARY

2. GOA ISSUED A DECREE YESTERDAY, SEP 24, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT LATIRI AND ALL 8 CABINET MEMBERS IN WHICH IT DECLARED PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) ILLEGAL. THE DECREE FORBIDS ANY CAMPAIGNING, INDOCTRINATION, PROPAGANDA OR APPEALS FOR SUPPORT ON THE PART OF ERP. FEDERAL POLICE AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS ARE INSTRUCTED TO IMPLEMENT THE DECREE USING ALL MEANS TO IMPEDE THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES.

3. GEN MIGUEL INIGUEZ (REF) ASSUMED THE POSITION F CHIEF OF FEDERAL POLICE SEP 24. HE REPLACED HERACLIO FERRAZZANO. DEPUTY CHIEF JOSE VITTANI WHO RESIGNED WITH FERRAZZANO HAS NOT YET BEEN REPLACED. INIGUEZ IS EXPECTED TO TAKE A HARDER LINE AGAINST THE TERRORISTS THAN HIS PREDECESSOR.

4. ISSUE OF "ESTROLA ROJA" (RED STAR), AN ERP PUBLICATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH CAME OUT JUST BEFORE THE ELECTION URGED THAT THE PEOPLE

VOTE IN BLANK WRITING IN "THE HEROES OF TRELEW". THIS VIEW APPARENTLY REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT FACTION OF ERP FROM ERP - 22 AUG WHICH FORCED THE NEWSPAPER CLARIN TO PUBLISH AN AD URGING SUPPORT FOR PERON.

5. PERON'S LAST CAMPAIGN SPEECH TOOK A HARD LINE AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS WHEN HE STATED THAT THE EXISTENCE OF ORGANIZED FORCES BENT ON IMPOSING THE DESIGNS OF ALIEN SECTORS BY VIOLENT MEANS WAS INCONCEIVABLE AND THAT THE LAW MUST BE ENFORCED BY ALL MEANS. HE ALSO SAID HOWEVER THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD STEP BACK INSIDE THE LAW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OR BE SUBDUED. GOA ACTION OF THIS TYPE SO SOON IS THEREFORE SOMEWHAT SURPRISING BUT NONETHELESS ENCOURAGING.

6. COMMENT. ERP WOULD SEEM TO BE FACED WITH THE CHOICE OF EITHER SHOOTING IT OUT WITH THE POLICE FOR LOWERING THEIR PROFILE. THEY SHOULD FIND THE POPULAR SUPPORT THEY ENJOYED UNDER A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP TO HAVE DIMINISHED CONSIDERABLY UNDER THE MASSIVE PERON MANDATE. FOR THIS REASON IT WOULD SEEM THAT ERP MAY GO UNDERGROUND WITH AN OCCASIONAL LOW-RISK ACT OF SABOTAGE OR TERRORISM TO MAINTAIN THEIR IMAGE. IN ANY EVENT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE GUERRILLA GROUPS HAVE BEGUN TO DARKEN IN RECENT DAYS. END COMMENT.  
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